Department of Motor Vehicles Center for Teen Safe Driving

All participants must return this entire application with signature and video to DMV by January 28, 2022.

#### **State of Connecticut**



### **Official Rules and Entry Form**

- Up to \$26,000 in Total Prizes for High Schools and Students of Winning Videos.
- High school with most videos submitted will win \$500.

The Department of Motor Vehicles Teen Safe Driving Contest ("contest") is a game of skill sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV"). Prizes are provided courtesy of The Travelers Indemnity Company ("Travelers").

#### 1. Who Can Enter

a. To be eligible to participate in this contest, entrants must be students ages 14 to 18 who are enrolled in a public or private high school located in Connecticut, or students ages 14 to 18 who are receiving home-schooling in Connecticut and who designate a state Department of Education recognized public or private high school as recipient of a monetary prize.

State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) employees or relatives of DMV employees, employees of Travelers and its affiliates and their relatives, and judges of this contest and their relatives, are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to participate. The term "relatives" means spouses, grandparents, parents, siblings, children and grandchildren, as well as individuals who live in the same household.

#### 2. How to Enter

How to Approach Creating the Video

a. This year's theme is: "<u>Driving Safe Habits</u>." The student director and the team <u>must use the video to</u> <u>demonstrate participants sharing the things that "drive" them to be safe. For example: family, friends, or anything that is most important to the team. Show viewers the reasons you pledge to drive safely.</u>

Distractions and other unsafe behaviors behind the wheel can create dangerous situations for teen drivers and their passengers. This year's contest focuses on **what motivates the teen driver** to follow the rules of the road.

See details on specific teen driving laws here: <a href="http://ct.gov/teendriving/laws">http://ct.gov/teendriving/laws</a>

Each individual contestant or team may make ONLY one entry. To submit an entry, each entrant must produce (write, shoot, and edit to final production) his or her own public service announcement ("PSA") up to forty-five (:45) seconds in length. Students may participate either individually or in teams with no more than five (5) students per team producing the video. (However, there is no limit on the number of students who may appear in the video.) **One** person must be responsible for taking ownership of the entry on behalf of a team.







#### Bi-lingual/multi-cultural videos are welcomed and encouraged.

#### **Summary of Video Requirements:**

- The video must encourage teen drivers to be safe through motivation. Show viewers the reasons why you pledge to drive safely.
- PSA must be no longer than forty-five (:45) seconds in length.
- PSA must also **address one specific teen driving law** (See complete list at http://ct.gov/teendriving/laws).
- No production team of students can exceed five (5) participating teens, including the student director. Other teens, adults and persons can appear in the video, but will not be considered members of the original team that can qualify for contest entry and prizes awarded.
- Please read complete rules to avoid video being disqualified.

#### BE CREATIVE. BE UNIQUE. STANDOUT. MAKE YOURS DIFFERENT FROM THE REST.

- b. Students may artistically show a violation of a state law as part of the video's creative content. However, compliance with all federal, state and local laws must be followed when filming is done on a federal, state or local highway, road, thoroughfare, as well as in any parking lot used by the public unless specifically closed to the public by state or local police during the filming. For example, an operator of a vehicle must be a licensed driver. All filming and all use of any federal, state, or local highway, road, thoroughfare or parking lot must be conducted safely.
- c. Each PSA will be counted as one individual entry, and cannot be entered more than once. Duplicate PSA entries will be disqualified, and the DMV reserves the right to disqualify the initial entry based on section "2g" below. Videos submitted from a previous year's contest will not be accepted.
- d. The contest will start Friday, October 22, 2021. The deadline for entrants to submit their videos to DMV is Friday, January 28, 2022. Entrants can submit their videos online through Dropbox by visiting <a href="http://ct.gov/teendriving/contest">http://ct.gov/teendriving/contest</a> or by postmarked mail. If you have any questions, please call 860-263-5024.

Please see below the instructions to submit your video and entry forms.

#### **To Submit Online:**

**First:** Be sure your video file name includes your last name and school. For example:

Smith\_EastHighSchool.mov

**Second:** Visit <a href="http://ct.gov/teendriving/contest">http://ct.gov/teendriving/contest</a> -- Then, select the link "Submit My Video".

**Third:** Select the link to Dropbox. Within Dropbox, select the "choose" option to locate your video file and select the file you wish to send.

**Fourth:** Enter the required information (name and a valid e-mail address). DMV may use this e-mail address to contact you regarding your video.

Fifth: Select "Upload" to send your video file.

**Last:** Please send your completed entry forms to DMV. You may scan the documents and e-mail to dmy.teencontest@ct.gov

#### To Submit by Mail:

Mail your complete entry to the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, Attn: Corporate and Public Relations Unit, "Teen Driving PSA Contest," 60 State Street, Wethersfield, CT, 06161. A complete entry consists of 1) the completed entry form, 2) a signed release form by entrant and his/her parent or legal guardian, 3) appearance releases signed by anyone who appears or participates in the PSA and 4) the PSA.







Entries must be postmarked or received by DMV Corporate and Public Relations Office by 4:30 p.m. EST on Friday, January 28, 2022. Any entries received, which were not received or postmarked by Friday, January 28, 2022 will be disqualified.

- e. DMV is not responsible for lost, late, or misdirected mail or for printing errors, server unavailability, computer or any other electronic malfunction.
- f. All entries received that are duplicates, mutilated, tampered with, illegible, or from ineligible entrants will be void. All entries become the property of the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles and will not be returned.
- g. By entering the contest entrants acknowledge that the PSA is their own original work. In addition:

#### please initial

- a. All entries should not be/have been submitted to or published or broadcast by any other publication or media company.
- b. The PSA may <u>not contain any copyrighted or trademarked material</u> including but not limited to: photograph likenesses of or references to celebrities or known persons alive or dead, recorded music, published works from books, magazines, newspapers, plays, song lyrics, scripts, essays, articles, web site content, clips from television programs or movies, sports footage, official logos of any organization, service, or product, existing artwork (including photographs), or graphic design. In addition, the PSA may not contain nudity or profanity of any kind and may not portray anyone under the age of 21 drinking, or pretending to drink, alcohol. <u>NOTE: Students often use music in PSAs.</u> Be reminded that only original or uncopyrighted music will be accepted in a PSA. Violation of this will result in rejection from the contest.
- c. Any supporting data used in your video, such as statistics, quotations and facts must be true, accurate, reliable, and properly cited.

#### 3. Judging of the Entries

- a. Entries will initially be judged to determine a maximum of three (3) overall finalists based on the following weighted criteria:
  - i. Overall impact: dynamic/persuasive/informational/emotionally moving/content focused message (message must cover topics specified in the contest rules) (50%) As part of the overall impact evaluation, the judges will consider the degree to which the PSA promotes inclusiveness and diversity, for example, by involving teens from diverse backgrounds, such as race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, culture, or by including multi-lingual content.
  - ii. Originality: concepts/ideas/format (25%)
  - iii. Cinematic Style: camera angles/editing/acting/direction/lighting (25%)
- b. The DMV may edit the entries to fit the confines of the 45-second limit of the PSA in order to accommodate an introduction and ending. The DMV reserves the right to edit, crop or alter the PSA without notification to or approval by the entrant.
- c. DMV will announce the winners by April 2022.
- d. The decisions of the DMV are final.







#### 4. The Prize(s)

- a. A monetary prize (detailed below) will be awarded by Travelers to the high schools of the winning students, as indicated on the entry form. The prizes to high schools will come with the stipulation that the money must be used for an educational program on safety issues related to teen driving safety, to benefit students in the winning high school or a nearby high school in the instance of a winning entry by a home-schooled student. The prizes will be awarded directly to the schools.
- b. The following monetary prizes will be awarded, courtesy of Travelers:
  - For the first-place entry, \$6,000 will be awarded to the team's high school (as indicated on the entry form) and \$1250 in Visa Gift Cards will divided equally among the team's members.
  - For the second-place entry, \$5,000 will be awarded to the team's high school (as indicated on the entry form) and \$1000 in Visa Gift Cards will divided equally among the team's members.
  - For the third-place entry, \$4,000 will be awarded to the team's high school (as indicated on the entry form) and \$700 in Visa Gift Cards will be divided equally among the team's members.
  - Special awards:
    - i. Creativity. For the entry that the judges determine is the most creative, \$500 will be awarded to the team's high school (as indicated on the entry form) and a \$200 Visa Gift Card will be awarded to each individual team member.
    - ii. Social Media. For the entry that is viewed and "liked" the most on YouTube, \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the winning team (as indicated on the entry form) and a \$200 Visa Gift Card will be awarded to each individual team member. DMV will post the video to its YouTube account and send each student director the URL to share.
    - iii. Different Media. For the entry that the judges determine best uses different media, \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the winning team (as indicated on the entry form) and a \$200 Visa Gift Card will be awarded to each individual team member.
- c. The first-place team will have its video professionally remade through the Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, and have the video shown in venues around the state.
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- e. Additional prizes, depending on entries and the judgment of the DMV and the prize donors may be awarded.
- f. DMV and the prize donors reserve the right to award any other additional prizes as they deem necessary.
- g. There will be no substitutions or alternatives for prizes except at the sole discretion of DMV. DMV has the right to substitute a prize of similar value. No transfer or assignment of prizes is allowed.
- h. DMV shall have no liabilities of any kind arising directly or indirectly from the award or use of the prize, or any other matter in connection with this contest.
- i. In claiming a prize, entrants acknowledge that DMV has the right to publicize their names, characters, likenesses, photographs, voices and the fact that they are the finalist(s) and/or winner(s). Said publication will be done for promotional purposes without financial remuneration.
- j. The high schools awarded a monetary prize must submit a report to the DMV and the prize donors by December 2022. The report must describe the use of the contest prize money on the educational program required in Section "4a" and a description of the program.







#### 5. Miscellaneous

- a. Contest rules can be downloaded on DMV's teen driving website at <a href="https://www.ct.gov/teendriving/contest">https://www.ct.gov/teendriving/contest</a>.
- b. This contest is subject to all applicable laws and regulations and is void where prohibited. You may not violate federal, state, or municipal laws during the production of your entry. DMV and its sponsors accept no responsibility or liability in connection with any injuries, losses or damages of any kind caused by or resulting from the acceptance, possession or use of any prize awarded hereunder.
- c. All federal, state, local, and/or other applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners.







### **Entry Form**

I, the undersigned participant, hereby certify and represent that I have read the rules of this contest, DMV-Travelers Teen Safe Driving Video Contest, and fully understand the meaning and the effect thereof, and intending to be legally bound. I have signed this document on the date indicated below. **Please print legibly and fill out ALL sections of this form.** 

#### **Student Director's Information**

Name:	Age:	Date of Birth	:
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Driver's License #:	E-mail address:		
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:		
Student Director's High School	Information		
School:	Address:		
Grade Level: Teacher:	School Program/C	class:	
School Designation Information	n (if contestant is home-	schooled)	
School:	Address:		
Video Information			
Title of Video	Source of Music:		
File Name of Video_ Please include your last name and school in file name of video. For example: SMITH_EASTHIGHSCHOOL.MOV	autine and accordance al	copyrighted music in your video btained it from. Videos conta	o, please site the name of the song, hining copyrighted music will be
List a maximum of five (5) people, including writer, videographer, editor, actor, etc.)	the student director, who particip	ated in creating the vio	leo and their role (example
Director			
I would like my video to be considered for the <b>Most innovative approach using:</b>			:
☐ Use of Different Media ☐ Creativit	y 🗆 Social Media 🗀 Div	ersity and inclusion	
Signatures			
Student Director's Signature		Date	_
If you are under 18 years of age, your p	arent or legal guardian must	also sign below.	
Icerting	fy that I am the parent or legal g rself, have read this release and a	S	tudent's printed name
Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18	years old)	Date	







### **Appearance/Participation Release**

Please duplicate this form as needed

A separate Appearance/Participation Release form is required for each person appearing or participating in the video. This includes: directors, writers, actors, videographers, editors, etc.

In connection with my appearance/participation in a submitted video for the *DMV-Travelers Teen Safe Driving Video Contest*, I hereby grant to the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Travelers the right to use my name, likeness, portrait, biographical material, and voice in order to broadcast, advertise, promote or publicize DMV and/or the Contest, in perpetuity, and in any and all forms of media.

I acknowledge that I shall not receive any compensation for this right and all video and other recordings shall be and remain the property of DMV.

I agree to INDEMNIFY, RELEASE, FOREVER DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS and COVENANT NOT TO MAKE A CLAIM OR SUE DMV, The Travelers Indemnity Company, or any of their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, sponsors, stockholders, directors, board of trustees, officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, heirs and assigns and each and every person acting by, through, under or in concert with them, or any of them (hereinafter collectively and individually referred to as "Releasees") of and from all manner of action or actions, cause or causes of action, at law or in equity, suits, claims, demands, liability, loss, cost or expense, of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, fixed or contingent (hereinafter referred to as "Claims") which I may have or hereafter have against Releasees by reason of any injuries or damages that I may sustain, whether to my person, property or reputation, as a result of my participation in the Contest.

I agree that if I commence, join in, or in any way seek relief through any suit arising out of, based upon or relating to any of the Claims released hereunder, or in any way assert against Releasees any of the Claims released hereunder, then I will pay to Releasees, in addition to any other damages caused to Releasees thereby, all costs, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incurred by Releasees in defending or otherwise responding to said suit, action or claims.

Participant Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years old)			
Participant Name Printed	Parent/Guardian Name Printed (if under 18 years old)			
Role in Video (actor, writer, editor, etc.)	Phone Number			
Street Address	City	State	Zip	
Participant's Driver's License #	Participant's E-Mail Address			
Date of Birth				





